

Remarks

The Examiner's indication that claims 21-26, 28, and 32-38 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including limitation of all base claims is noted with appreciation. These claims have now been so amended and are thus in allowable condition. Please note that claim 22 has been cancelled.

Claim 27 is dependent upon its allowable generic base claim 26 and therefore should be rejoined. Similarly Claim 29 is dependent upon its allowable generic base claim 27 and should also be rejoined.

Claims 19, 20, 30 and 31 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by German patent publication 195 49 166. This rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has argued that item 41 is an "attachment" that inherently stabilizes the lower end of the pocket. This argument is defective for several reasons.

a) Item 41 is a part of the pocket itself and therefore should not be considered as an "attachment" as "attachment" is understood with respect to its usual meaning;

b) Item 41 is padding which is notoriously light and therefore its weight for purposes of stabilization is insignificant; and

c) Item 41 is above the bottom of the pocket and therefore is not in a position to stabilize the bottom of the pocket.

A check in the amount of \$43.00 is enclosed as payment for an additional Independent Claim.

The rejection should be withdrawn and all claims should be allowed.

The foregoing amendments merely incorporate limitations of base claims into dependent claims and thus add no new matter and raise no new issues. The amendments were not made earlier since they were first suggested by the Examiner in the current official action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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